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## Liberty curfew lifted for III MEF/MCBJ

Consolidated Public Affairs Office

Lieutenant General Earl B. Hailston, commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force and Marine Corps Bases Japan, announced that effective noon Aug. 10, he is lifting the liberty curfew implemented last month.

"I fully recognize and appreciate the overall exemplary conduct of our military members, civilian employees and family members. I also appreciate the support we received, particularly over the last 30 days. We have had ample time to study and reflect upon our duties and responsibilities as guests here on Okinawa," said Lt.Gen. Hailston. "I firmly believe we fully understand those responsibilities."

"With that understanding, the curfew has served its purpose, and it is now time to begin to move forward. This liberty policy provides appropriate flexibility for our Marines, Sailors, civilians employees and family members, while still striving to reduce the possibility of accidents and incidents, and promoting responsible conduct," said Lt.Gen. Hailston.

"As we work to reduce liberty incidents, all off base establishments on Okinawa that serve alcohol will be "Off Limits" to III MEF/MCBJ personnel from midnight to 5 a.m. We will continue to work cooperatively with local officials, because that cooperation is very important as we strive to effectively deal with the factors that can contribute to liberty problems.

"Education and leadership at all levels remains key as we implement these revisions. Commanders at each level will be communicating these changes to their personnel. These new measures underscore III MEF's commitment to continuing to promote both responsible conduct and good relations with our neighbors," said Lt.Gen. Hailston.



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## Jelawat takes it easy on Okinawa

Pfc. Kathy J. Arndt

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER** — Typhoon Jelawat hit Okinawa in the early hours August 8 and left behind some uprooted trees.

Equivalent to a Category 2 hurricane, Jelawat had sustained winds of 115 mph and wind gusts up to 145 mph. On Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Jelawat was recorded with winds of 64 knots and leaving 1.32 inches of rain, according to Gunnery Sgt. Dan A. Fialo, Weather Service Section, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, MCAS Futenma.

On Kadena Air Base, a housing area experienced a power outage. The Naval Hospital did not receive any reported injuries caused by the typhoon, according to Petty Officer 1st class Brian J. Davis, assistant public affairs officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Camp Lester.

Jelawat is Okinawa's first typhoon of the season,

Okinawa's last typhoon occurred September, 1999. After that storm, call super typhoon Bart, nine emergencies were reported from the Naval Hospital along with 49 cases of cuts and bruises. Damages from Bart were more severe, with wind damage to roofs and windows of buildings and homes along with flood damage.

After the super typhoon, 187 damage claims were reported to the Staff Judge Advocate's Office, Marine Cops Base.

"The phone usually rings off the hook the day after a typhoon but it didn't, so I didn't predict many claims to be filed," said Judy Barney, claims supervisor, SJA, MCB.

If damage did occur, all Marine Corps personnel and civilian employees assigned to a Marine Corps activity are eligible to submit a claim for loss or damage of personal property relating to the typhoon.

For further information on filing a claim, call 645-7461/62.

## 1st Marine Aircraft Wing receives new commander

Brig. Gen. James Cartwright took command of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing from Maj. Gen. Joseph Anderson during a change of command ceremony here Aug. 9.

After serving his country for 32 years, Anderson will be going on to Quantico briefly and retiring at the end of the year.

"This is our last great hurrah," said Anderson. "This has been, both for my wife and myself, probably the most fun we've had, and it's been a wonderful way to leave the Marine Corps after 32 years of service."

The general will be leaving with a sense of pride in the troops he has commanded over the past two years.

"I'm proud of my troops," said Anderson. "They are very special Americans. I've told all of them, that like all Marines they are doers not talkers. Talkers talk about their country and their loyalties and their patriotism. The Marines are the ones who swear to protect and defend their country; they're willing to come to Japan. It's not always convenient to be here away from your moms and dads, wives and husbands, your friends. Our Marines do that without complaining."

Anderson's relief is the former Deputy Commander, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Atlantic, Brig. Gen. James Cartwright.

Cartwright entered the Marine Corps after graduating from the University of Iowa in 1971. He attended Naval Flight Officer training and graduated in April 1973.

Cartwright is married to the former Sandra Waltz and has two daughters, Billiee and Jayme.



LANCE CPL. CHAD SWAIM

**Off-base liberty curfew lifted for III MEF/MCBJ, effective immediately**



# Uncle Sam called back to support military



SSGT KATHLEEN T. RHEM, USA  
**Defense Secretary William S. Cohen and James M. Flagg bring back the famous Uncle Sam recruiting poster.**

Andree Swanson

Special to the American Forces Press Service

**SPRINGFIELD, Va.** — James Montgomery Flagg’s most famous painting has been called back to serve the military again in a campaign that asks America to thank its service members.

Flagg’s Uncle Sam — declaring “I Want You” — becomes a spokesman for Defense Secretary William S. Cohen’s Joint Outreach Initiative this time around. The secretary’s program aims to “connect” America with its military. The Armed Services YMCA resurrected Uncle Sam to encourage people to thank military service members, said Frank Gallo, ASYMCA executive director.

ASYMCA, with graphics design assistance from Raytheon Corp., printed and distributed 200,000 posters. More than half went to National Guard and Reserve units.

“We wanted to play a part in reminding people about the tremendous sacrifices our service members make,” Gallo said.

“We’re a part of the largest volunteer organization in America, the YMCA. It’s appropriate that we pay trib-

ute to the military an all-volunteer organization in its own right.”

Gallo, a retired Navy rear admiral, links the poster’s roots to an incident on one of his trips to an ASYMCA branch. “I was sitting near this young private in uniform and the flight attendant came up and asked him if he would like to sit in first class. The private was thrilled, and those of us who witnessed it were happy such a nice thing would be done for one of our serving military members.

“We hope this poster inspires Americans to thank their neighbor, friend, customer, who serves in the military, for their sacrifices,” he added. “Those who do will make somebody’s day. I guarantee it.”

According to the Library of Congress, Flagg’s famous image of Uncle Sam was originally published as the cover for the July 6, 1916, issue of Leslie’s Weekly with the title “What Are You Doing for Preparedness?” The Army drafted Uncle Sam for its recruiting efforts during both World War I and II.

The Armed Services YMCA, an affiliate of the nationally recognized YMCA, serves more than 50 program locations throughout the United States.

# Dignity, respect at heart of anti-harassment plan

Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Department of Defense has adopted an “overarching principle” regarding all forms of harassment, including harassment based on sexual orientation, DoD officials announced July 21.

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen approved the Anti-harassment Action Plan and has forwarded it to the services for implementation, said Bernard Rostker, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

The plan is the result of a look at the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy following the 1999 murder of an allegedly gay Army private at Fort Campbell, Ky.

DoD’s overarching anti-harassment principle is that “treatment of all individuals with dignity and respect is essential to good order and discipline. Mistreatment, harassment and inappropriate comments or gestures undermine this principle and have no place in our armed forces.

“Commanders and leaders must develop and maintain a climate that fosters unit cohesion, esprit de corps and mutual respect for all members of the command

or organization,” said Rostker.

Rostker said the statement should make it clear to service members that military officials will not tolerate any kind of harassment.

Further, the plan makes it clear that DoD will hold commanders and leaders accountable for any failures to enforce this plan.

The action plan reiterates the DoD’s commitment to harassment-free environment, Rostker said. “To do that, we have formally extended the definition of harassment to include inappropriate comments and inappropriate gestures” he said.

Previously, only the Navy’s definition of harassment included inappropriate comments and gestures.

“We have to be sensitive to name-call-

ing, sometimes things are said as banter that can be hurtful and constitutes harassment,” Rostker said.

Service members have “an absolute right to a harassment-free environment,”

Rostker said. “In seeking that right, they should never be asked about their sexual orientation.”

In seeking an end to harassment, “they have an absolute right to define any such question about their sexual orientation as inappropriate and decline to answer it,” Rostker said.

The chain of command must deal with charges of harassment, according to Rostker. “We will hold them to that,”

he said. “The fact that a person is being harassed is enough to cause actions to cease that harassment.”

Air Force Undersecretary Carol DiBattiste, chair of the commission that

came up with the Anti-harassment Action Plan, said other aspects of the plan will help commanders and leaders, at all levels, to prevent and eliminate future harassment.

The plan calls for the services to conduct homosexual policy training and measure the effectiveness of that training. DiBattiste said the military should assess the effectiveness of training yearly and measure service members’ knowledge of the policy, their behavior and the command climate.

Under the plan, the services will review all “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy training and anti-harassment training programs to ensure they jibe with DoD’s overarching principle and implementing directive.

DiBattiste said the plan calls for all service members to be informed of all confidential and non-confidential avenues to report harassment. The only confidential avenues service members have are through attorney-client privilege or through the clergy, she said. In most cases, the chain of command is the preferred avenue.

The plan calls for the services to ensure that commanders and supervisors take appropriate action against anyone that condones or ignores harassment.

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**Bernard Rostker,  
Undersecretary of Defense for  
Personnel and Readiness**

# Delete those brown t-shirts: green undershirts are the only t-shirts authorized for wear

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — According to Marine Administrative Message 380/00, if you’re still wearing the brown t-shirts as of May 1, 2000, you’d better do something with them, because if you are wearing them, you are out of uniform.

The phasing out of the brown t-shirt began in 1999 and was to be completed on May 1, 2000 according to the MARADMIN.

Currently, the green undershirts are the only shirts authorized for all styles and types of physical training and for use under the utility uniform.

“There shouldn’t be anyone who

doesn’t have access to uniform items,” said GS-11 M. K. Boyt, program manager permanent Marine Corps uniform board. “The [Marine Corps] exchange has a mail order catalog where they can order any Marine Corps uniform item.”

The Marine Corps reserve gets a short reprieve, as their compliance date has been set at Sept. 30, 2001. This is only

true however until a unit or individual is called to active duty. At that time, they must comply with all current uniform regulations of the active component.

More information can be found in MARADMIN 521-99 and Marine Corps Order P10120.28 which can be found under publications on the Marine Corps web page at: [www.usmc.mil](http://www.usmc.mil).



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## LF CARAT Marines sight in

**Cpl. Shannon D. Orndorff, sniper, Scout Sniper Team Attachment, Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, instructs Lance Cpl. Dust, Weapons Platoon, LF CARAT on the basics of shooting the M40A1 Sniper Rifle. The training took place at Fort Magsaysay, Phillipines and is part of the first of several bilateral exercises that make up LF CARAT. LF CARAT is a four month exercise that displays U.S. presence in Eastern Asia and allows U.S. Marines and Sailors to train with their counterparts in host nations.**

## USMC Heritage 2000 Foundation organizes National Birthday Ball

Art Geahr

*USMC Heritage 2000 Foundation Committee*

The United States Marine Corps Heritage 2000 Foundation Committee plans to hold the first-ever national Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Nov. 11, 2000.

The celebration scheduled to take place in Philadelphia, PA, is open to all former and current Marines.

According to its charter, the USMC Heritage 2000 Foundation Committee is an organization "dedicated to commemorating in the year 2000, the fighting spirit of the U.S. Marines who will have served our nation for 225 years."

Attending the birthday ball as military guest of honor will be Gen. Terrence R. Dake, assistant commandant of the Marine Corps. In addition to Gen. Dake, more than 20 Marine Corps and Navy Corpsmen Medal of Honor recipients are scheduled to attend. Among the Medal of Honor recipients attending the ball will be Col. Barney Barnum, USMC (Ret.), who sees the event as the organizing committee does - a homecoming.

"Our Corps is based on tradition. We gather once a year to celebrate that we are [Marines], where we've been and where we're going. The fact that this celebration takes place in the city where we started takes on great prominence," Barnum said.

The Heritage 2000 Birthday Ball will be held at the Philadelphia Convention Center.

More information is available at their website: [www.usmcheritage2000.com](http://www.usmcheritage2000.com).

# MarForPac celebrates eight years of strength in Pacific

**Pfc. Iain A. Schnaible**

*Combat Correspondent*

Marine Forces Pacific, the single largest field command in the Marine Corps, celebrated eight years of presence and commitment in the Pacific Ocean and much of the Asian continent recently.

While the command may appear to be young, its historical ties date back to 1944 when the Marine Corps was heavily involved in World War II.

December 12, 1944, Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith established Fleet Marine Forces Pacific at Camp Catlin, Hi., in order to consolidate control of the six Marine divisions and five Marine aircraft wings assigned to

the Pacific at that time.

In 1955, FMFPac moved from Pearl Harbor Naval Base and made Camp H.M. Smith its headquarters. Named after the late Lt. Gen. Smith, the location was an abandoned, World War II naval hospital.

Marines began moving into Camp Smith in October of that year and had the installation fully operational two weeks before its dedication ceremony.

The initiative shown by Lt. Gen. Smith in creating a single Pacific command would eventually lead to a command capable of operating from the sea and conducting sustained operations on nearly 50 percent of the world's surface.

On July 27, 1992, MarForPac was des-

ignated the service component headquarters for Marine forces in the region.

MarForPac commands the units that comprise I Marine Expeditionary Force, located at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif.; and MCAS Yuma, Ariz.

MarForPac also commands the III Marine Expeditionary Force units based at MCB Camp Butler, Okinawa, Japan; MCAS Iwakuni, Japan; Camp Fuji, Japan; and MCB Hawaii.

MarForPac currently accounts for nearly half of the 22,000 Marines forward deployed around the world, including the I and III MEFs.

There are more than 80,000 Marines and

Sailors assigned to MarForPac.

The area under the responsibility of MarForPac accounts for two-thirds of the world's population and 25 countries with very different political, social and religious beliefs.

The combination of elements at the disposal of MarForPac is able to maintain stability in many regions of the globe, as well as being able to deploy forces from alternate locations in the Pacific to a crisis area in a minimal amount of time.

With a projection of force this powerful and versatile in the Pacific region, MarForPac can certainly be assured many years of strength and flexibility as the commanding force in the Pacific and Asia.

## GSA Mart goes online with e-catalog

**GSA Pacific Rim Region**

Demonstrating its commitment to the supply partnership with the Department of Defense in the Pacific, the U.S. General Services Administration launched in July an online version of the GSA Mart base supply store that will simplify purchasing in the region.

The new e-catalog allows users to shop online for the latest office supplies and machines, cleaning products, tools and hardware, safety gear and foodservice equipment offered at stateside prices.

The system displays whether a selected item is stocked at the local GSA Mart or available for delivery from a GSA supply center in Hawaii. Purchasers then decide if they want to add the item to their shopping list for store pick-up or order the item online for delivery to an APO or FPO address.

GSA Mart online also boasts a special order service that opens a world of supply sources to the Internet purchaser. Filling

out a simple online request form gets GSA to act like a personal shopper for the e-catalog user, researching a best value source from among its commercial partner contracts for a hard-to-find or unavailable item.

Payment for GSA Mart online purchases can be made using Department of Defense Activity Address Code (DoDAAC) funds or the GSA SmartPay card, the official government purchase card. Delivery to an APO or FPO address will be made by United States Postal Service parcel post within approximately four to seven days, unless special handling is required for a selected item.

GSA has proudly served the armed forces community around the world for over 50 years, offering streamlined procurement procedures, supporting quality of life initiatives and allowing a singular mission focus. The GSA Mart is an official source for military and federal government activity purchasing.

Ligon to the GSA Mart e-catalog at [www.pacificstores.gsa.gov](http://www.pacificstores.gsa.gov).



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## Guiding light

**Petty Officer 3rd class Jimmy Brown, attached to the USS Germantown guides a Landing Craft Air Cushioned onto Katungkulan Beach, Philippines to pick up Marines who had been training there as part of Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training 2000.**



# Courts-martial REPORT III MEF/MCBJ

- A seaman assigned to 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was sentenced to six months confinement, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$770 per month for six months and a bad conduct discharge following a conviction at a special courts-martial of one specification of Article 81, conspiracy, one specification of article 92, disobeying a lawful order, one specification of article 121, larceny, and one specification of article 130, housebreaking.

- A seaman assigned to 3rd Medical Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, was sentenced to two years confinement, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad conduct discharge following a conviction at a general courts-martial of one specification Article 81, conspiracy, one specification of Article 92, disobeying a lawful order, one specification of article 121, larceny, and one specification of Article 130, housebreaking.

- A lance corporal assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit was sentenced to three months confinement, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$500 per month for six months and a bad conduct discharge following a conviction at a special courts-martial of one specification of Article 81, conspiracy, one specification of article 92, disobeying a lawful order, one specification of article 121, larceny.

- A private first class assigned to Marine Wing Support Group-17, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, was sentenced to four years confinement, reduction to E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a bad conduct discharge following a conviction at a general courts-martial of one specification of Article 120, rape.

## Community Briefs

### Turning in transformers

All transformers being turned in by off-base residents must be turned in to Furnishings Management Office, Bldg. 217, the Accompanied Furnishings Warehouse #3 Bldg. 54425 or Kinser Warehouse, Bldg. 300.

Eighteen Civil Engineer Squadron, Eagle Hardware will no longer accept turn-ins and will refer all customers to the areas mentioned above.

Authorized issue quantity is one per household.

Questions can be directed to FMO personnel at 632-6085/634-1625/634-1629.

### DRMO Local Sealed Bids

The DRMO at Camp Kinser will have a Local Sealed Bid Sale at Bldg. 600, inspection dates for the sale will take place on 21-23 Aug., with a bid opening date of 24 Aug.

Local Sealed Bids are open to SOFA and non-SOFA personnel. Items will include house hold furniture, vehicles, electrical items, scrap metals, textiles and much more.

For further information call 637-4323/3707 during duty hours.

### College of Continuing Education

The Marine Corps University College of Continuing Education announces the convening of AY 00-01. AWS-phase I, AWS phase II and Command and Staff Course



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## Marines help battle tooth decay

Cpl. Shannon Orndorff, a scout sniper with Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, looks on as Navy Lt. Leslie Fullerton, dental officer, LF CARAT, hands out tooth care kits to residents of Merkat, Indonesia, during the Medical and Dental Civic Action Program held there. A four month exercise, CARAT displays U.S. presence in Southeast Asian countries and allows U.S. Marines and Sailors to train with their counterparts in host nations. The training in Indonesia was centered around humanitarian assistance.

will be taught by seminar commencing Oct. 2.

For more information or to enroll, contact Mr. Hopkins at 645-2230, or email Hopkinsjp@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.

### Marine Corps Base soccer team

A Marine Corps Base soccer team is presently organizing for future tournaments including the Regional tournament scheduled for September.

For more information and a practice schedule, contact Lance Cpl. Pantelakis at pantelakisma@mcbbutler.usmc.mil or 645-4145, or contact Cpl. Barnes at 645-9306.

### Health Care Information Line

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries are encouraged to use the Health Care Information Line whenever they are in need of medical advice. The HCIL nurse will advise you on self-treatment or encourage you to contact your Primary Care Provider.

The HCIL can be accessed by calling 005-3111-4621. The call is free.

For more information, contact the TRICARE Service Center at 643-7539/7379.

### Policy on medical treatment for visiting relatives

Stateside visiting family members can only receive emergency medical treatment for life threatening injuries at the U.S. Naval Hospital on Camp Lester. After the patient's condition has stabilized, the patient will be transferred to a civilian medical facility. The hospital does charge a flat rate for services as Fiscal Year 2000 Department of Defense Title 10, United States Code, section 1095 directs. Non-emergency medical problems can be taken to a Japanese medical facility where payment must be made in yen.

### MOM's Crisis Care Center

Maternal Outreach Ministries Crisis Care Center provides free and confidential services including pregnancy tests, counseling, baby formula and more.

MOM's Crisis Care Center is a nonprofit organization with a 24 hour Heartline at 633-6464.

## Want to get promoted?

You could help recruit future Marines for your Corps and accumulate points for promotion. 4th Marine Corps District is taking requests for Permissive TAD to help with recruiting. If you are from the 4th district, which includes Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Southern Indiana, and South Western Michigan, contact 4th Marine Corps District.

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**"We're all part of a Learning Team."**

## To submit a brief ...

The Okinawa Marine accepts briefs for non-profit organizations and groups only. Briefs are run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Friday. The Okinawa Marine reserves the right to edit to fit space. Submit briefs by faxing to 645-3803, or send an e-mail to garciant@mcbbutler.usmc.mil.



# Anthrax vaccine necessary for safety

As secretary of defense, I make the welfare, health and safety of men and women in uniform my top priority.

That is why in 1998 I accepted the recommendation of the Joint Chiefs to require vaccination of all U.S. military personnel against anthrax, a deadly biological warfare agent.

In making that decision I put safety first. I determined that vaccination is the safest, most reliable protection from a potential threat that is nearly always lethal to unprotected individuals.

I also put safety first when I ordered supplemental testing, consistent with Food and Drug Administration standards, to assure sterility, safety, potency and purity of the vaccine. Although the FDA has licensed anthrax vaccine for use, I wanted to make sure that every dose, whether from the stockpile or new production, met the highest quality and safety standards.

When we began the vaccinations, we had a stockpile of FDA-approved vaccine

and one manufacturing facility that couldn't make enough vaccine to meet the military's needs. Bioport, a new company, took over anthrax vaccine production and began to replace the old plant with a modern facility. That facility cannot begin operations until it meets the high standards set by the FDA. We expect approval later this year.

The military has been conducting the vaccination program with FDA-approved doses from the stockpile. Now, however, we are running low on doses of stored vaccine that have passed the rigorous supplemental testing that I required.

Last week I again put safety first when I decided to slow the anthrax vaccination program until we can start producing vaccine from a new facility that meets the most stringent Food and Drug Administration standards.

To make the best use of doses that have been certified safe and effective, we will vaccinate only those facing the greatest risk in the high threat areas of Southwest

Asia and Korea — those who are deployed on the ground for 30 days or more. Vaccinations for those deployed to these high threat areas for less than 30 days will be deferred.

Soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines deploying to high threat areas ashore for more than 30 days will start the standard FDA protocol of six doses over 18 months, plus annual boosters.

We will discontinue shots for those who leave the high threat area before the protocol is complete, and we will stop shots for others who have started the protocol but who are no longer in high threat areas. Units are, however, authorized to use remaining vaccine on hand locally to continue the shot series, if shipment of stocks to the high threat areas is not feasible.

For those whose next scheduled shot is deferred, we expect to resume the series of shots where it was interrupted, rather than to start it anew — provided that the interruption is of reasonable length. In general, this means that those who have had the first three shots will resume the program with the fourth shot. The FDA supports this approach. Even the first shot begins to provide a degree of protection.

We will resume the full vaccination program as soon as we have a sufficient supply of safe, effective vaccine. The narrowing of the vaccination program reflects a temporary supply shortage —

nothing more. As Bioport, the sole vaccine supplier, works to achieve FDA certification for its new production facility, we will look for a second source of the vaccine to help meet future needs.

Anthrax remains the primary biological warfare threat to our forces. It is cheap to produce, easy to put into weapons, hard to detect and highly lethal when inhaled by those without protection. At least 17 countries have or are developing anthrax as a deadly weapon. This is why I added anthrax vaccination to our force protection program.

In the last two years, about 20 percent of our soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines have begun to receive protection against the deadly anthrax threat, with emphasis on those in the highest threat areas. There have been very few side effects. We will continue to concentrate on protecting troops in the highest threat areas.

Anthrax vaccinations are as necessary to protect our troops as are tetanus shots and helmets. The vaccine has a 30-year record of safe, effective use. We will continue to protect troops on long deployments to high threat areas, and we will quickly resume the full vaccination program as soon as supplies allow.

Troops deserve this protection, and they will get it.

William S. Cohen,  
Secretary of Defense

# Making transition from Marine to college student

For some of us, the Montgomery G.I. Bill was the biggest incentive for joining the Marine Corps. We plan to serve our four years and then enter college to become doctors, lawyers or whatever career your dream includes.

Whether seeking an Associates or a Masters, the pursuit of further education is a noble goal. And while this pursuit is often made more difficult by military life, there is some good news for those service members who are college-bound.

Those transitioning from military to campus life will find the change less stressful than those coming directly from high school.

Service members tend to be more mature, responsible and ready to succeed, according to Tim Brooks, dean of students at the University of Delaware.

"They usually don't have problems getting up for an 8 a.m. class or suffer from homesickness," he said. "Also, they often value the opportunity of higher education more than other students."

After serving more than four in the Marine Corps performing any task from waking up at 5 a.m. to exercise to standing a 24-hour duty at the barracks - having to write

three term papers in one semester doesn't seem all that frightening or insurmountable.

Still, despite their strengths, service members will require some of the same assistance as new high school graduates.

But, never fear, there are a variety of programs available to those contemplating the transition to college.

The Base Education Office is full of useful information ranging from tuition assistance to what college is best for you. Also, most colleges have a Veterans Affairs Office that can assist you with the GI Bill. There are many other services offered by universities, but the best way to find out what a school offers is to research the college yourself.

Still, the best thing you can do for yourself is to take

advantage of the educational benefits available to you while in the Marine Corps. By taking classes, CLEP tests and transferring your military time into college credits, obtaining an Associates before you leave military service is only as hard as talking to a counselor at your local Base Education Office and getting enrolled.

The pursuit of higher education is a noble goal. Just don't wait until the last minute to find out what your options are and how to take advantage of them. So take the time now, so you won't have to later.

Cpl. Matthew S. Bates,  
MCB Public Affairs Office

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## STREET TALK

**"What would you change about the Marine Corps uniform?"**



*"I wouldn't change anything because it would be like changing tradition."*



*"I wouldn't change anything at all."*



*"I would authorize tailoring of all uniforms. I wish they would issue the dress blue's blouse."*



*"I would eliminate the alpha blouse and trousers and replace them with the dress blue alpha uniform."*

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Lance Cpl. Eric Charlebois, a combat engineer with Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, uses a jackhammer to break up a concrete sidewalk at the town hall in Asem Bagus, Indonesia. The combat engineers spent a week in Indonesia repairing a school and a town hall.



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Marines assisted in a Medical/Dental Civic Action Program that treated over 2,200 Indonesians.

## Marines provides assistance in Indonesia

Staff Sgt. Jason J. Bortz

LF CARAT Correspondent

**ASEMBAGUS, Indonesia** — Combat Engineers from Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, spent a week here repairing an elementary school and a town hall.

Landing Force CARAT is conducting a four-month deployment in Southeast Asia as part of CARAT 2000. The purpose of CARAT is to conduct bilateral training with foreign military services to promote camaraderie and familiarization with different countries.

The training in Indonesia was specifically centered around Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief training. Besides the HA/DR, 400 U.S. Marines participated in other projects that included a community relations project where Marines painted a local school and repaired its playground and a Medical/Dental Civic Action Program that treated more than 2,200 Indonesians.

The week ended with a one-day combined HA/DR op-

eration that included a company of Indonesian Marines. The Marines provided relief to local villages in the wake of a national natural disaster by clearing irrigation systems and handing out food to the villagers. One hundred local villagers also volunteered to “act” as evacuees for the training and were given a short ride on a Landing Craft Air Cushioned vehicle.

The training was a perfect fit for the combat engineers.

Their tasks included running electricity for lights, laying tiles for floors, repairing the roofs and patching walls.

“We’re having a lot of fun here,” said Staff Sgt. Roger Reed, platoon sergeant, Combat Engineer Platoon.

One of the biggest improvements the engineers made to the school was to build a water tower with water basins, complete with running water. To provide the water to the tower, the engineers put in a new electric water pump at the local well.

“We are trying to make it [the water pump] low maintenance and trouble free,” said 1st Lt. Chad W. Darnell, platoon commander, Combat Engineer Platoon.

Sailors from the *USS Mount Vernon* and *USS Germantown*, local contractors and Indonesian Marines also helped the engineers.

“The Sailors have really helped out,” said Darnell, “every one just picked what they were good at.”

Across town, another group of combat engineers were working on the town hall.

Working in grueling heat, the engineers completed minor repairs to the building and built a septic tank and an outdoor washroom.

“It’s hard work, but worth it,” said Petty Officer 3rd Class Julio Gamboa, corpsman, Combat Engineer Platoon.

The engineers even recruited some of the local children to help at the town hall thanks to an idea by Cpl. Bryce Dodd, an engineer with the Combat Engineer Platoon, LF CARAT.

Dodd came up with a way to sift dirt using less effort. He placed four engineer stakes in the ground and tied the corners of the sifter to the stakes, creating a swinging effect. What once took two Marines to do the work, now was so easy that even a child could operate the sifter.

“Once the kids saw the Marines doing it, they wanted to do it,” said Dodd. “It freed up the Marines to do other work.”

When the jobs were complete, the Marines had a chance to rest and observe the work they had done.

“Once everything was done and cleaned up, it looked really nice,” said Reed. “You could really see the appreciation of the people by the look on their faces.”

The training in Indonesia was a rewarding experience for all of the Marines and Sailors of LF CARAT. The Marines had a chance to help the local communities and receive valuable humanitarian training.

As a final gesture, the combat engineers distributed 200 bags of Sembako to the local villages. Each bag had rice, sugar, noodles, salt and cooking oil.

“Seeing the look on people’s faces makes me think we have the most rewarding job in the Marine Corps,” said Sgt. Jashon Richardson, heavy equipment operator, Combat Engineers Platoon.



PH1 SPIKE CALL

Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher Felton paints a fence at an elementary school in Asem Bagus, Indonesia. Felton and his shipmates from *USS Germantown* volunteered for the community relations project as part of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training 2000. While at the school, the sailors painted a portion of the school and put up a new volleyball court.

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PH1 SPIKE CALL

Cpl. Ben Clark, a member of a heavy weapons platoon, assisted Navy Lt. Tony Wojcik Medical/Dental Civic Action Project in Kuputih, Indonesia. The project was part of Operation Afloat Readiness And Training



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Combat engineers from Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, get help from a young Indonesian child sifting dirt at the town hall in Asem Bagus, Indonesia. The engineers spent a week repairing a school and a town hall.



SGT. JOHN G. VANNUCCI

Lance Cpl. William C. Heller and Pfc. Robin W. Hicks, Combat Engineer Platoon, Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, help to rebuild a grammar school in Asem Bagus, Indonesia, as part of CARAT.

## Marines, Sailors repair Indonesian elementary school

**Staff Sgt. Jason Bortz**

*LF CARAT Correspondent*

**ASEM BAGUS, Indonesia** — Marines and Sailors from Landing Force Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training, III Marine Expeditionary Force, spent a week at a local elementary school doing minor repairs and painting as part of a community relation's project.

Indonesia was the third of six countries that CARAT 2000 will visit this summer to conduct bilateral training to promote camaraderie amongst the nations of Southeast Asia. In each country, LF CARAT will conduct a community relation's project.

"What made this different from the pre-

vious projects in Thailand and the Philippines is that we had a whole week to work, instead of just a day," said Petty Officer 1st class Jesse McDaniel, religious program specialist, LF CARAT. "We were able to make a much bigger impact."

The volunteers spent the week painting badly faded walls, patching holes in walls and repairing playground equipment.

"I'm glad I'm here," said Cpl. Corey Labbe, supply clerk, LF CARAT, "I think they appreciate us coming here and helping."

When the Marines and Sailors weren't working, they spent time with the children.

"The kids don't speak English, but it's still fun," said Cpl. Anthony Parker, ware-

houseman, LF CARAT. "I taught them how to play tic-tac-toe and they taught me how to count in their language."

Many of the volunteers never imagined that they would be helping a school in Indonesia.

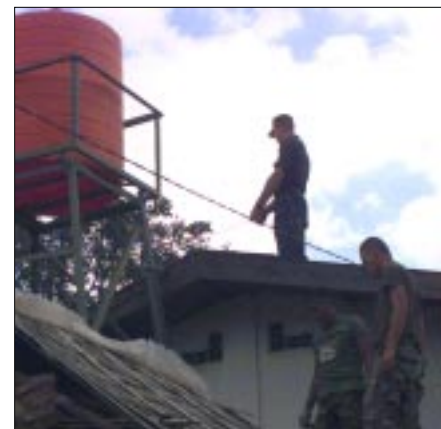
"It's like a culture shock," said Parker, "I never imagined I'd be here. They make do without the things we take for granted."

When the week was over, the Marines and Sailors said goodbye to a few new friends and left the school in better condition than when they arrived.

"This shouldn't be only a once a year thing," said Sgt. Dustin Cook, chief cook, LF CARAT, "We should provide this sort of humanitarian assistance more often."



PH1 SPIKE CALL



STAFF SGT. JASON J. BORTZ

(above) Combat Engineers built a water tower, which holds water from the town well. The engineers spent a week in Indonesia repairing a town hall and a school. The water tower was one improvement they made to the school.

(left) After working in the sun all day, Sailors return to *USS Germantown* by boat. The Sailors volunteered their time to work at an elementary school in Asem Bagus, Indonesia. The community relations project was part of Cooperation Afloat Readiness And Training 2000.



# Former Marine returns as Navy chaplain

**Cpl. Matthew S. Bates**

*Combat Correspondent*

**CAMP HANSEN** — For many people, joining the Navy at age 36 wouldn't be an option. For Chaplain Ray L. Stewart, a Navy lieutenant, it was the only choice.

The son of a retired Navy mineman, Stewart was born in Charleston, S.C., in 1958. His mother stayed at home and devoted her time to raising him and his younger brother.

"I had the 'Wally and Beaver' parents," Stewart said. "Mom was always there, and in fact, even though dad was in the Navy, we weren't apart a lot until the end of his career. So I had a real blessed family life and a good, wholesome upbringing."

It was his parents who first introduced him to religion and church. As a young boy, his family moved to Key West and Stewart remembers early experiences of them going off to church on Sundays. Going to church began to have an impact on him.

"My parents actually quit going to church when we moved back to Charleston a few years later, so I got back into it myself," Stewart said. "That's when my life started to change and I became interested in the ministry."

Throughout his years at Garrett High School, Stewart remained involved in the local church. As graduation day drew closer, Stewart's thoughts for the future loomed larger. Feeling the call to both serve his country and earn money for college, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserves during his senior year. The day after his graduation from Garrett High in May 1976, he was on a bus headed for the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island.

Three months later, Stewart completed basic training with Platoon 249 as a private first class, having earned the rank meritoriously. But, just as with his graduation from high school, the time to enjoy this accomplishment was also short-lived. He had already enrolled in the Baptist College in Charleston and his studies began the day after his graduation from boot camp.

"That was, by far, the longest summer of my life," said Stewart.

Over the four years Stewart attended the college, he worked at several jobs to help cover the expenses. The one he worked at the most and remembers the best was his job at the local United Parcel Service plant.

"I would go to work from 4 to 8 a.m. and then I would have to go to school all day, which was about a thirty or forty minute drive away," Stewart said.

Most of his summers were spent on active duty, also. Stewart loved the Marine Corps, and any chance he had, he traded his civilian attire for his greens and boots.

"I was always the one with the razor creases and the spit-shined boots, because I thought that was what a Marine was all about," he said. "I didn't understand these guys whose uniforms were all messed up."

Meanwhile, Stewart had continued to be active with the church, and it was here that he eventually met Susan Johnson, the woman he would marry.

"She and I went to the same elementary and high schools growing up, but I never really knew her," said

Stewart. "She used to play piano at a church close to the high school and I went to a church just a couple of miles away. Because of different things going on at hers, she began to visit the church I was at and then she became more and more involved in our activities. After a while of hanging around each other, she asked me when I was going to take her for a ride in my Jeep. So I did, and we began dating."

Their first date was on Nov. 3, 1978, and they were married exactly one year later on Nov. 3, 1979.

In 1980, Stewart graduated from the Baptist College with a bachelors degree in sociology. From here, he headed to the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he began studies in Christian Social Ministries. It was while Stewart was here, that he was honorably discharged from the USMCR at Fort Knox as a sergeant.

Upon completing his studies at the Seminary in 1983, Stewart and his wife moved to Hanover, Ind., where he was the pastor of Hanover Baptist Church for four years.

These first few years as a minister gained him invaluable experience and two new family members. In 1985, the Stewarts had their first daughter, Ashley, and then two years later, Katie, their second, was born.

In November of 1988, Stewart left Indiana and returned to his home state of South Carolina once again to pastor the Harbour Lake Baptist Church in Goose Creek. Because there was a large military community in the surrounding area, the congregation was predominately made up of service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force.

For seven years, Stewart listened to their stories about submarines and training and his interest in military service was once again peaked.

Then, a friend of his who was a chaplain was moving up north and Stewart decided to travel with him. His friend wanted to visit Parris Island and Stewart agreed to show him the area.

"It had been quite a few years since I had been there, and I was interested in going back and seeing the whole experience again," he said.

On the way, Stewart's friend also suggested that they stop by Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, S.C. Stewart agreed and shortly after, found himself in the station's chaplain's office being recruited.

"He asked me if I had ever considered the Chaplain Corps and told me that I was just the type of person they were looking for," Stewart said.

A few phone calls and meetings later, and Stewart found himself driving off for two months to attend the Chaplain's School. Before leaving, Stewart had the opportunity to receive his commission in front of his congregation at Harbour Lake.

"It was hard to say goodbye and they hated it, but on the other hand, when I told them what I was getting ready to do, it was easier for them to accept," Stewart said.

After the Chaplain's School, Stewart's first duty sta-



CPL. MATTHEW S. BATES

**Navy Lt. Ray L. Stewart, chaplain, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division continues to serve with Marines as their chaplain.**

tion was aboard the USS Emory S. Land, a submarine tender, out of Norfolk, Va. Since then, Stewart has been on Okinawa, serving first with the Combat Assault Battalion and now works as the Regimental Chaplain for 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division.

In December, Stewart is leaving the island for Marine Corps Base, Quantico, Virginia.

"When Chaplain Stewart leaves, we are losing more than a chaplain," said Col. Daniel C. O'Brien, commanding officer, 12th Marine Regiment. "He is actively involved in everything the regiment does, from playing on the softball team to organizing community relations projects to creating a regimental choir. He is an inspiration and we will be hard pressed to replace him."

Throughout his career, Stewart believes the experience he gained as a minister and a Marine reservist have helped him deal with the mix of religion and military that being a chaplain encompasses.

"Many times, for new chaplains, it's the first time they have ever performed this type of work and it takes them awhile to get comfortable with it," said Stewart. "Because of my pastoral experience, I have already developed a style that works for me."

Partly due to the training opportunities, and to the fact that he will always hold a special place for the Corps in his heart, Stewart loves to work with Marines.

Looking ahead, Stewart would one day like to return to Parris Island to be a chaplain there.

"I think it would be neat to go back there, where it all began years ago," he said.

For his father, Stewart says that his joining the Navy at the age of 36 is ironic.

"My dad thinks it's funny because he retired from the Navy at the age of 36 and here that's the same age that I join at," he said. "So, it's kind of like I'm taking over where he left off."

Stewart would like to complete his career as a chaplain, but if the time comes for him to return to the ministry, then either way he will be happy. "Whatever the Lord's will is, is where I'll go," he said.

## Marines embark on another mission from K-5 Right

**PFC Josh P. Vierela**

*Combat Correspondent*

**KADENAAIR BASE** — Marines all around the Corps constantly deploy and along with them go their gear.

Helping Marines embark around the world are the Leathernecks from Kadena Five-Right platoon, Landing Support Company, 3rd Transportation Support Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group.

"Our job is to facilitate the movement of cargo, troops and equipment," said

Cpl. Joseph V. Standifird, cargo troop handler, Kadena Five-Right platoon, Landing Support Company, 3rd TSB, 3rd FSSG.

Assisting the platoon with their tasks are Marines in motor transport, heavy equipment, landing support and basic embarking.

Before any planes carrying Marines or their equipment is allowed to fly, Kadena Five-Right personnel must inspect it.

Some of the inspections cover balance of the pallets and wheeled vehicles.

Wheeled vehicles are also checked to make sure they are clean. Dirt, as well as contraband, is not allowed in foreign countries. Hazardous materials are also inspected, which include gases, oils and battery acid, according to Lance Cpl. Rose Marie Mayer, landing support specialist, 3rd TSB.

Landing support specialists are responsible for loading and placing all gear on an aircraft. The loading and inspecting of gear is a responsibility often given to junior Marines.

It is not uncommon for a private first

class to be in charge of embarking 350 Marines of a deploying unit.

"Most of our Marines we have out here, have been in the Marine Corps for less than a year," said Cpl. Owen M. Moul.

"Only the best in the battalion get stationed at Kadena Five-Right," said Standifird. "Whether it is operating heavy equipment or embarking a pallet on a C-17, Kadena Five-Right Marines have successfully provided support to units flying out of Kadena and will continue to do the same in the future."



# Band of brothers pilot new family tradition

Sgt. Jill R. Walsh

MCAS New River Public Affairs

**MARINE CORPS AIR STATION NEW RIVER, Jacksonville, N.C.** — The Marine Corps has often been labeled unique in many aspects, one of which is how the Corps honors its history of rich traditions. Many people also refer to the Corps as family. One Lexington, Ohio, family delivered a new spin on Marine tradition.

The first three sons of Dolores and David Smith seemed to have entered into a game of leap “Phrog.” The two eldest sons are pilots in two Marine Aircraft Group 29 CH-46E “Phrog” helicopter squadrons, and a third is gaining altitude in his pursuit to become an aviator.

First in the flying pattern is the eldest brother, Capt. David J. Smith, 28-year-old, CH-46 pilot, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162.

Second in the pattern is Capt. Daniel B. Smith, 26-year-old, CH-46 pilot, HMM-263, currently deployed with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

“I look up to them,” said Midshipman First Class Drew A. Smith, 21-year-old, U.S. Naval Academy senior. “Ever since I was little, I’ve followed in their footsteps. Whatever they started, I started - wrestling, running cross-country, soccer, baseball ... There was a common bond where we all liked to do the same thing. They’d always be there to encourage me, and I’d be there cheering them on.”

But, Drew wanted more than to be just a follower. “I’ve always wanted to at least prove to them that I could do what they did - and maybe even do it better,” said the economics major. “It’s just brotherly competition.”

So Drew’s flight continued ... in every climb and place.

“Since junior high I’ve wanted to be a Marine, because of my brothers,” said Drew. “Dan ended up talking Dave into the Corps, and Dave loved it. I learned you have a lot more experiences in the military than you do in the civilian life, that’s for sure. My brothers helped feed my fire by teaching me about the Marine Corps. Hearing the experiences they’ve had while they were on float helped influence me, too, because they enjoyed going to all the different places they got to visit.”

Although Drew enjoyed watching some of his brothers’ ceremonies throughout their careers, he said his desire to be a Marine actually began while watching parades at the Academy.

“My family used to go to the Academy to visit both my brothers when I was little,” said Drew. “That influenced me to go to the Academy. Upon entering the Academy though, I wasn’t sure whether I wanted to fly or

whether I wanted to go ground.

“When I came down here about a year and a half ago, both my brothers showed me the different aircraft,” said Drew. “And by hearing them talk all the time about how they love flying, this helped persuade me to go into the air wing. But my experience here with HMM-365 has helped solidify my desire to become a Marine pilot.”

Drew spent two weeks with HMM-365 from June 19 to July 7. “They’ve been great,” he said. “They’ve been helping me with everything. They’ve gotten me up in the air a couple times in the backseat of a ’46. Last Friday, I actually got to sit in the copilot seat and take the controls. That was awesome.”

“We let him get the feel of what it’s like to fly,” said Capt. David A. Weinstein, HMM-365 Airframes Division officer. “The CMC (Commandant of the Marine Corps) gave us permission to put him in the cockpit and let him perform copilot functions.”

“It was the most exciting thing I’ve done,” said Drew. “I know now that I definitely want to be a helicopter pilot, because there is nothing like it from what I’ve experienced.”

Drew was able to experience the “up close and personal” flying opportunity as part of the Academy’s summer semester fleet training program. Midshipmen who desire to become Marines must spend a mandatory two weeks aboard Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune to participate in ground training. An additional two weeks must be spent training with either a ground unit or an air wing squadron, whichever the midshipmen choose.

“He did very well and took full advantage of all the opportunities he could,” said Weinstein, who also participated in similar aviation training during his Academy training.

“He asked questions during preflight briefs, and he absorbed as much of the information and experiences he could. We let him see what day-to-day life is like here. He went around on his own, integrating with the Marines, talking with them and asking questions.”

“The whole atmosphere was good,” said the midshipman, “because all the officers and enlisted Marines were willing to help me learn more about what to expect from



COURTESY PHOTO

**Three Smith brothers band together forming a unique blend of unit integrity. Daniel (left) and David are Marine Corps CH-46E helicopter pilots, while Drew (center) nips at their wings in hopes to fly also.**

a squadron if I become a pilot.”

At this point, Drew is not certain whether or not he will be appointed as a Phrog pilot. In December, the midshipmen first class submits a “dream sheet.” The midshipmen list their wishes of either becoming a Navy or Marine officer and include which specialty field they want to work in, he said.

“I have experienced a large sense of pride dealing with Marines,” said Drew. “If I get to be a pilot that would be great. But if I don’t, as long as I get the Marine Corps, I’ll be happy.”

“He has a leg up on a lot of people going into the Marine Corps, because he has knowledge of what to expect, especially for deployments,” said David.

“I wasn’t certain what the fleet was like when I was going through the Academy, so I wasn’t much help to Dan,” David said, “but I think this has been a great opportunity for him [Drew], and he now can make better, educated decisions.”

Drew said his parents were very supportive of him and his brothers growing up, allowing their sons to spread their wings and set their own courses of flight. He said his parents continued to allow him to make his own decisions about education.

“They were supportive in whatever I wanted to do, whether to go to regular college or go to the Academy. There was a time when I wasn’t really sure if I wanted to put in the commitment to the military, because once I become an officer, I owe the service five years.

“I’m glad I chose to go to the Academy, though. It’s a lot of hard work, but it’s worth it, especially to become an officer in the Marine Corps. ‘365 was very helpful with their input, also helping me learn what to expect out of my Marines.”

For now, Drew can continue looking up to his brothers, until he can get up in the air himself - following their footsteps one cloud at a time.

## Navy Corpsman returns home at Rescue Eagle 2000



SGT. JOHN SAYAS

**Petty Officer 2nd class Angela Morar, corpsman, 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Service Support Group, San Diego, chats with Rear Admiral Bictor Blidea, Romanian Navy deputy and chief of operations for Rescue Eagle 2000.**

Sgt. John Sayas

MCB, Quantico, Va.

**VADU BEACH, Romania** — United States servicemen and women participating in “Rescue Eagle 2000” in Romania may have thought of it as just another exercise in a foreign land, but for one United States Navy corpsman, it was an oppor-

tunity to return home.

When the plane landed in Constanta, Romania, a flood of childhood memories ran through the mind of Petty Officer 2nd class Angela Morar, corpsman, 4th Medical Battalion, 4th Force Service Support Group. Morar was born in Toplita, Romania, in the region known as Transylvania. Morar grew up in Romania Hoarghita District until she left for the States in 1991. She joined the U.S. Navy reserve in 1994.

“I was excited,” said Morar, “I love it (Romania). The memories rushed through my mind and I felt as if I was back at home again. We have the best things happening out here (in Romania) now.... almost the American way.”

Morar developed a strong desire to be in the military when she was a small child listening to her father and brother tell exciting stories about their adventures while serving in the Romanian army.

“With women being at home, the thought

that ran through my mind was, ‘that’s not fair,’” said Morar.

Because of the lack of military jobs for women, Morar was unable to join the Romanian military. Since joining the Navy, she is having her own exciting adventures.

During the exercise, Morar has contributed to the effort by working both as a corpsman and as the primary translator for her unit’s dealings with the Romanian hosts. She speaks several languages including Romanian, English, French, Hungarian, and Russian. This ability has allowed her to help translate between Americans and their foreign counterparts. Her fellow Romanians have lightheartedly described her translations as a “distorted Romanian language,” but she has managed to make an impression on them and her unit as well.

“She has been a tremendous asset to us,” explained U.S. Navy Capt. Laurence Boggeln, commanding officer, Vadu Beach Medical Center. “She has been pulled in many directions translating for us and working outside her medical duties.”

Morar has been involved in previous

multi-national exercises including “Cooperative Nugget ’97” in Louisiana, which allowed her to work with her former Romanian countrymen. Her experience at Rescue Eagle, however, has given her a chance to see a side of the Marines Corps she hasn’t seen much.

“I’ve learned a lot about Marines here at Rescue Eagle,” said Morar. What has impressed me the most is the women at the exercise.... They’re hearts are so well trained.”

Rescue Eagle 2000, led by U.S. Marine Corps Forces, Europe, is a combined-training exercise conducted in “the spirit of the Partnership for Peace” Program. The exercise is designed to help develop a common, international understanding of humanitarian assistance and peace support operations, and to improve small-unit interoperability during such operations.

As the exercise comes to an end, she looks forward to her return to the U.S., but she said her heart will always be at home in Romania.

“I was more than glad to come here. It’s been great,” said Morar.



# Dental takes first tourney

Pfc Damian McGee

Combat Correspondent

**CAMP FOSTER** — Dental Battalion took the championship in the first All-Navy Basketball Tournament here. The Dental team snuck by the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Japan team by a score of 55-48.

The Naval Hospital clearly dominated the final games of the tournament, led by Dominique Reboya who scored an impressive 14 of the teams 48 points in the championship game.

The Naval Hospital, despite having to play three games in a row on the final day of the tournament, performed with an extreme amount of heart and managed to take second place, with the Navy service members from the 3rd Marine Division taking third.

The tournament, started by Petty Officer 2nd class Jayvee Mateo, was created to give sailors, who are spread out throughout the island, a chance to get together.

Five teams, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, 3rd Dental Battalion, U.S. Naval Hospital, 3rd Marine Division, and III Marine Expeditionary Force, participated in the event that is scheduled to run again in six months.

“My team will definitely do it again,” said Greg Jamison, Naval Hospital team coach. “They play with a lot of discipline and determination ... they play with a goal in mind.”

“I was worried about starting the tournament at first, but everyone, including Marine Corps Community Services, understood,” said Mateo. “We’re just going out there to let our Marine brothers know that Navy guys can play ball too.”



Roderick Douglas, point guard for the Naval Hospital, drives in for two of his four points in the championship game against Dental Battalion.



Victor Rodgers of the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Team gets hammered while attempting a layup in the middle of four Dental Battalion defenders. Dental Battalion won the game 48-37, and went on to win the All-Navy Basketball Tournament here.



PFC DAMIAN MCGEE



(above) Rashard Sutton attempts to block a jumper by Victor Rodgers.



(Above) Greg Jamison, Naval Hospital coach, tries to keep his team focused on the game after a bad call by the referees. (left) Eric Shropshire attempts a layup during the Championship game against the Dental Battalion.



# 13th century castle remains peaceful sanctuary



LANCE CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Altars and praying nooks stand silently behind the walls of Nakijin Castle.

**Lance Cpl. Kimberly S. Dowell**

*Combat Correspondent*

**NAKIJIN VILLAGE** — Perched over 1,400 feet above the sea, the walls of Nakijin Castle stand in defiance of the elements and an encroaching jungle.

Archeologists estimate the first stones of the castle walls were placed in the 13th century. The date the sprawling, 14-acre estate was finished remains unknown.

The ruins feature three stone walls

curving into a sanctuary atop the highest peak of the peninsula. Three sacred places still stand protected behind the stone walls. The farthest back wall of the ruins borders the edge of the original Nakijin village. A second enclosed field closer to the main gate is believed to have been the training ground for horses and soldiers. A centralized cave served as an escape route for castle residents.

Okinawan castles, known as ‘gusuku,’ originally appeared as places of religious worship. Nakijin represents traditional ‘gusuku,’ as it lacks the characteristics associated with castles designed to withstand combat. Instead of turrets or cannon slots, the castle features a fire-god shrine and praying nooks. Unique to Nakijin are the houses of sacred maidens



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(above) Visitors enter the castle through the original archway which has stood since the 13th century. (left) The castle ruins offer amazing views of the lower courtyards and surrounding Motobu Mountains.



LANCE CPL. KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

Visitors make their way down the aging stairway at the Nakijin Castle ruins.

found scattered about the area.

Archeological digs at Nakijin have uncovered the foundations of large buildings and old coins related to the Ming and Geng Chinese dynasties. Other remnants found during these excavations further links the castle to prosperous Chinese trading during the 14th century.

Okinawan legends tell many tales of the rise and fall of Nakijin. Most of the stories involve a woman of unsurpassed beauty named Utadaru. In one story, she is a spy whose beauty got her into the castle and eventually brought about the fall of the “impregnable” Nakijin. In another story, Utadaru is the second wife of a fabled king. The king dies and the queen

throws herself into the river. The beautiful woman raises the prince who becomes a great ruler.

These legends have left an impression on the tiny village at the base of the mountain. The women born in Nakijinson are known as ‘nakijin ukami,’ beautiful goddesses.

Nestled into the mountainside, the Nakijin castle ruins offer a picturesque view of the Motobu region found in the northern area of Okinawa. There is an admission fee to visit the castle and the nearby Nakijin Village History Center. Both are open year-round except Mondays and national holidays. The attraction opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m.

## Ride for life: Depot Marine bikes to Washington, D.C.

**Cpl. Aubrey Bell**

*MCRD, Parris Island, S.C.*

**MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, Parris Island, S.C.** — Staff Sergeant Terry Butts, staff non-commissioned officer-in-charge of the Douglas Visitor Center here, wants to raise cancer awareness by conducting a weeklong cycling trip to Washington, D.C.

The accomplished triathlete, who is currently training for the Hawaii World Championship Ironman Triathlon, planned the ride to raise money for the American Cancer Society, after losing his mother to cancer earlier this year.

“My mother passed away last March from breast cancer that was misdiagnosed,” said Butts. “I went on a Humanitarian Transfer for six weeks, and when I saw her I thought, ‘What an awful thing for anyone to have to go through.’ I saw my mother ... and the pain and suffering ... and decided there must be something I could do.”

Butts decided on a weeklong, 695-mile cycling trek from Beaufort to Washington, collecting donations for

the ACS and spreading awareness along the way. He plans to leave Sept. 1, and is hopeful this will raise the public’s knowledge and awareness of cancer.

“Its not something you would want your worst enemy to go through, let alone a loved one,” said Butts. “So, the best thing I could think of was that I’m pretty good on a bike, so why not ride that bad boy as far as I can in a week and try to raise some money for the ACS.”

Butts hopes this will turn into something bigger than one person, and this ride will coax other riders into joining him next year. His original plan was to ride across the U.S., but the 45 days it would require and the logistics of having a Support and Gear Wagon to provide food, water and tires along the way was unfeasible.

“Hopefully along the way the word will get spread and we can generate some support for ACS,” said Butts. He is currently collecting support from donations, and sponsorship by offering advertisement space on his riding gear.

“For every business who donates \$1,000 or more, and sends me camera ready artwork by Aug. 15, I will have their logo put on my riding gear,” said Butts, who has

already received support from Lowcountry Bicycles, Apex Realty, Lifefitness, and Jog Mate. He has also received a lot of support from Marine Corps Community Services, and his command, according to Butts.

“Everyone at MCCS has been an incredible support,” said Butts. “I have support from the Headquarters and Service Bn., and they allow me the time to train, and offer any other support I need ... so I can concentrate on giving the Marine Corps a good name.”

Butts is currently training by riding 300 - 375 miles a week on his bike, running 60 - 80 miles, and swimming 12,000 - 15,000 meters. He also noted that he will not be using the donations to support himself during the trip.

“I am making a tally of all the sponsorships I receive each week, and sending them to the ACS. I’m getting support in other ways for hotels,” said Butts. “If we don’t get that support, then we’ll just have to do what we have to do to get by.”

To sponsor Butts on his ride for cancer awareness, send a check or money order to: American Cancer Society, c/o SSgt. Terry Butts, P.O. Box 5094, PISC 29905-0094.



# The Marketplace



## Automobiles/ motorcycles

**1988 Honda CRX** — JCI Sep 01, \$1,200 OBO. 645-3073 dwh.  
**1988 Nissan Silvia** — JCI Jul 01, \$2,000 OBO. Frank, 090-9784-1622.  
**1991 Honda Vigor** — JCI Dec 00, \$2,000 OBO. 090-3792-3948.  
**1991 Nissan Skyline** — JCI Aug 02, \$3,500. Paul, 934-0260.  
**1989 Honda Prelude** — JCI Jun 02, \$1,300. Lloyd, 637-4007 or 637-3815.  
**1991 Honda Civic** — JCI Sep 00, \$500. 637-4071.  
**1991 Nissan Sunny** — JCI Aug 02, \$1,895 OBO; **1991 Toyota Sprinter** — JCI Aug 02, \$2,395 OBO; **Nissan Safari** — JCI Aug 02, \$5,695 OBO. Curtis, 646-3045.  
**1993 Nissan Praire** — JCI Aug 02, \$2,695 OBO; **1991 Nissan Pulsar** — JCI Aug 02, \$1,895 OBO. 622-9690.  
**1991 Nissan Bluebird** — JCI Dec 01, \$1,900 OBO. 622-8160.  
**1987 Toyota Camery** — JCI May 02, \$1,600 OBO; **1990 Nissan** — JCI Jul 02, \$2,500 OBO; **1991 Nissan** — JCI May 02, \$1,800 OBO. 637-7772.  
**1990 Toyota Cresta** — JCI Dec 01, \$1,600. Steve, 623-5234.  
**1990 Honda Civic** — JCI Mar 01, \$1,800. 646-5135.  
**1989 Honda Concerto** — Free. Pat, 646-8837.  
**1992 Toyota LiteAce** — JCI Oct 01, \$4,900. 930-0393.  
**1989 Suzuki 600** — JCI Jun 02, \$2,000 OBO. 623-4906 or 622-5198.  
**1989 Toyota Sedan** — JCI Oct 00, \$500 OBO. 622-7356 or 622-6135.  
**1987 Nissan Safari** — \$3,500; **1987 Honda CRX** — \$1,200. 633-4648.  
**1989 Nissan Skyline** — JCI Apr 02, \$4,200. 646-6460 or 636-2770.  
**1989 Mitsubishi Pajero** — JCI Jul 02, \$4,500 OBO. Frank, 646-8828.  
**1990 Nissan Pulsar** — JCI Jul 02, \$1,895; **1990 Toyota Cresta** — JCI Jun 02, \$1,995; **1990 Nissan Presseaa** — JCI Jul 02, \$1,800. 646-3045.  
**1990 Honda Civic Shuttle** — JCI Mar 01, \$2,000 OBO. Amy, 646-5135.  
**1987 Toyota Sprinter** — JCI May 01, \$800 OBO. 633-6000 or 645-2721.  
**1994 Toyota Supra** — JCI Mar 01, \$15,500 OBO. Jeff, 622-5300.



## Miscellaneous

**Lost & Found** — Lost at Camp Foster Commissary on Aug. 1, gold wedding band 2 pc. Reward if found. Zulia, 646-5642, 645-3500 or Rene, 632-5109.  
**Boat parts** — 20' boat trailer, \$1,500; tan pedestal seats, \$20; Merc outdive, \$500; Stainless 23 pitch prop, \$200. 633-4648.  
**Misc.** — Set of 185/70R13 Nissan wheels w/covers, \$70; Toyota Surf wheels, \$100; Mag wheels w/tires, \$150; 500w-1500w transformers, \$40-\$70; Pioneer, Kenwood and JVC car stereo cassette players, \$100. 634-3409 or 633-4648.  
**Misc.** — computer monitor, \$50; scanner, \$60. 623-4906 or 622-5198.  
**Misc.** — Transformers, 1000w, \$50; 2000w, \$75; Carpets. 622-8160.  
**Camera** — Sony MVC-FD91 digita camera, \$799. 622-9028 or 622-8271.  
**Printer** — IBM-PS1 dotmatrix B/W printer. \$25. 646-6460 or 636-2770.  
**Carpets** — Mauve 12x15, \$40; 9x12, \$30. 622-6551.  
**Scuba gear** — Large O'Neill two piece wet suit, Talon BCD, regulator w/alternate source, console and compass, diving tool, Mares fins, gloves, booties size 10, underwater sound signal device, \$900. 637-2764.  
**Books** — The American People Vol. 1 to 1877(4th edition) for History 1301, \$30; Communication at work (5th edition) for Speech 1321, \$20. Alfonso, 636-4022.  
**Furniture** — Brown sectional sofa, \$300; corner computer desk, \$200; teak bedroom set, \$400. 633-8066.  
**Misc.** — Boy summer clothes for infant 0-6 months; Little Tykes toddler table, \$25; New baby swing, \$50; Today's Kids children's desk, \$10. 622-7643.  
**Fence** — 50-plus foot fence, \$275. 646-6554.  
**Misc.** — 3 piece table set, \$50; Television stand, \$25; refrigerator, \$100. Robin, 936-7088.  
**Misc.** — Two JL Base speakers in box, \$200; Kenwood 10" base speaker, \$45; Sony XM 6020 Power Amp, \$75; JVC CD player, \$75; Pioneer 220w 6x9 speakers, \$45. 633-0148.

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# At a theater near you ...

Feature programs and start times are subject to change without notice! Second evening movies will vary when the program runs longer than 120 minutes.

## Butler (645-3465)

Fri Screwed (PG13); 7:00  
Fri What Lies Beneath (PG13); 10:00  
Sat Pokemon (G); 1:00, 4:00, 7:00  
Sat What Lies Beneath (PG13); 10:00  
Sun Pokemon (G); 1:00, 4:00  
Sun What Lies Beneath (PG13); 7:00  
Mon What Lies Beneath (PG13); 7:00  
Tue Shanghai Noon (PG13); 1:00  
Tue Whatever It Takes (PG13); 7:00  
Wed Shanghai Noon (PG13); 7:00  
Thu The Nutty Professor II (PG13); 1:00, 7:00

## Courtney (622-9616)

Fri Titan A.E. (PG); 2:00  
Fri Keeping the Faith (PG13); 7:00  
Sat Shanghai Noon (PG13); 7:00  
Sun The Nutty Professor II (PG13); 7:00  
Wed Pokemon (G); 2:00  
Wed X-Men (PG13); 7:00

## Futenma (636-3890)

Fri Battlefield Earth (PG13)  
Sat Gladiator (R)  
Sun Keeping the Faith (PG13)  
Mon X-Men (PG13)  
Wed What Lies Beneath(PG13)

Call Futenma for start times

## Hansen (623-4564)

Fri The Perfect Storm (PG13)  
Sat The Perfect Storm (PG13)  
Sun The Kid (PG)

Mon Road Trip (R)  
Tue Road Trip (R)  
Wed Whatever It Takes (PG13)  
Thu Whatever It Takes (PG13)

Call Hansen for start times

## Keystone (634-1869)

Fri X-Men (PG13); 7:00  
Sat Titan A.E. (PG); 1:00  
Sat X-Men (PG13); 5:30, 8:30  
Sun Shanghai Noon (PG13); 2:00  
Sun Road Trip (R); 7:00  
Mon The Nutty Professor II (PG13); 7:00  
Tue Shanghai Noon (PG13); 7:00  
Wed Whatever It Takes (PG13); 7:00  
Thu Whatever It Takes (PG13); 7:00

## Kinser (637-2177)

Fri The Nutty Professor II (PG13); 7:00  
Sat Shanghai Noon (PG13); 3:00  
Sat The Nutty Professor II (PG13); 7:00, 11:30  
Sun Road Trip (R); 7:00  
Tue Whatever It Takes (PG13); 7:00  
Wed Shanghai Noon (PG13); 7:00  
Thu Road Trip (R); 7:00

## Schwab (625-2333)

Fri Shanghai Noon (PG13)  
Sat Whatever It Takes (PG13)  
Sat Road Trip (R)  
Sun Whatever It Takes (PG13)  
Sun Road Trip (R)  
Mon Road Trip (R)  
Tue Coyote Ugly (PG13)  
Wed Coyote Ugly (PG13)  
Thu Love and Basketball (PG13)

Call Schwab for start times